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In re Application of:

Toshio YAMADA et al.

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Examiner: Alexa Doroshenk Neckel

For: CANNING STRUCTURE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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On May 15, 2006, Examiner Neckel called applicants' undersigned attorney indicating that if claim 1, line 11, after "combustible, impermeable layer" was amended to include the words "combustible at a temperature of 500-700° C" as disclosed at page 10, line 3 of applicants' specification, the application would be allowed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney communicated to the Japanese applicants overnight on May 15 and received responsive instructions which applicants' undersigned attorney sought to communicate to Examiner Neckel on each of May 16, 17 and 18. Applicants' undersigned attorney finally reached Examiner Neckel on May 18, 2006 and indicated that applicants would be willing to place such a temperature range in a dependent claim, but that applicants did not believe that such range was appropriate or

necessary in the independent claim in view of the disclosed list of materials suitable for the combustible layer.

The Examiner explained that she had already executed a further Office Action, and indicated that applicants should consider the temperature range and/or materials in possible response thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger W. Parkhurst", written over a horizontal line.

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